



Corrections and Community Supervision

DOCCS FACT SHEET

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The management and operation of prisons is difficult work. It requires an equal measure of patience, discipline and creativity. DOCCS is responsible for the care, custody, and treatment of individuals sentenced to state prison, working with these incarcerated individuals to ensure successful re-entry into the community and supervising those who are placed on parole. That's our Department's mission and it's the guide we follow to carry out the very serious responsibility entrusted to us.

The material contained within this Fact Sheet is based on statistical information compiled by DOCCS and it is intended to provide insight into the function and operation of the Department's 44 facilities that house 31,449 incarcerated individuals and 26,293 parolees under DOCCS' responsibility.

Prison Safety

Statewide Assaults*						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assaults on Staff Statewide**	990	1,043	1,052	1,177	1,471	116
Assaults on Incarcerated Individuals Statewide**	1,166	1,267	1,206	1,107	1,488	155

*Excludes Edgecombe and Parole Diversion Programs.

**Includes disciplinary confinement SHU 200 units and Regional Medical Units.

Maximum vs. Medium Facility Incarcerated Individual-on-Staff Assaults* 2017-2023						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Assaults on Staff Statewide	972	1033	1,047	1,177	1,469	116
Maximum-Security*	722	769	774	885	1,015	72
Medium-Security	237	219	262	284	430	41

Excludes Edgecombe and Parole Diversion Programs.

*Includes disciplinary confinement SHU 200 units and Regional Medical Units.

Note: Unlike the Penal Law where physical injury is a required element, any attack by an incarcerated individual is classified by DOCCS as an assault. This includes events where no physical injury occurs and events where any object, including a small object, is thrown at and hits another person. By contrast, in the Penal Law, an assault requires physical injury, which means impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.

2022 4 th Quarter Assaults					
	Oct	Nov	Dec		Total
Assault on Incarcerated Individual	125	133	145		403
Assault on Staff	119	118	119		356
Total	244	251	264		769

Assault Degree of Injury to Staff					
Incident Type: Staff Injured during an Incarcerated Individual on Incarcerated Individual Assault					
	Nov	Dec	Jan		Total
No Injury	475	474	523		1,472
Minor*	3	11	12		26
Moderate**	2	0	0		2
Serious***	0	0	0		0
Severe****	0	0	0		0
Total	480	485	535		1,500
Incident Type: Staff Injured during an Incarcerated Individual on Staff Assault					
	Nov	Dec	Jan		Total
No Injury	523	448	456		1,427
Minor*	176	151	180		507
Moderate**	8	9	9		20
Serious***	3	3	3		9
Severe****	0	0	0		0
Total	710	611	648		1,963

Note: Excludes Edgecombe, residential treatment facilities and Parole Diversion Programs and is based upon staff injuries sustained in Unusual Incidents each month, including employee accidents.

Effective October 1, 2014, per Article VII bill, DOCCS added a category of severe and redefined injury definitions.

*Injuries that require either no treatment, minimal treatment (scratch, bruise, aches/pain) or precautionary treatment.

** Injuries such as lacerations, concussions, 2nd degree burns, serious sprains, dislocation, and muscle or ligament damage.

***Injuries that require transport to an outside hospital but are not considered life-threatening at the preliminary report.

**** Injuries that cause obvious disfigurement, protracted impairment of health, loss or impairment of organ function, amputation, and injuries that risk cause of death.

Escape Incidents

- The last escape from within a maximum security secure perimeter was 2015 at Clinton Correctional Facility; prior to 2015 the last escape was in 2003.
- The last escape from within a medium security secure perimeter was 1992 at Mid-Orange Correctional Facility.

Prison Closures

- Since 1999, New York's prison population has declined by 57.2 percent, from a high of 72,649 incarcerated individuals to 31,4499 (2/1/23).
- Since 2011, the State has eliminated more than 13,000 prison beds and closed a total of 24 correctional facilities due to excess bed capacity resulting in an overall annual savings of approximately \$442 million.

- DOCCS security staff reductions have been consistent with incarcerated population declines. In each of the prison closure years, more than 96% of affected employees remained employed, retired or resigned.

DOCCS Security Staff and Incarcerated Population							
December	Correction Officers Sergeants Lieutenants Positions Filled	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Incarcerated Population	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Staffing Ratio Incarcerated Population Versus Filled Uniform Staff Positions
2003	20,794	-464	-2.2%	66,110	-1,549	-2.3%	3.2
2004	21,068	274	1.3%	64,905	-1,205	-1.8%	3.1
2005	21,420	352	1.7%	63,930	-975	-1.5%	3.0
2006	21,505	85	0.4%	64,410	480	0.8%	3.0
2007	21,414	-91	-0.4%	63,425	-985	-1.5%	3.0
2008	21,404	-10	0.0%	60,933	-2,492	-3.9%	2.8
2009	20,602	-802	-3.7%	59,279	-1,654	-2.7%	2.9
2010	20,652	50	0.2%	57,229	-2,050	-3.5%	2.8
2011	19,647	-1,005	-4.9%	55,979	-1,250	-2.2%	2.8
2012	19,192	-455	-2.3%	54,865	-1,114	-2.0%	2.9
2013	19,145	-47	-0.2%	54,142	-723	-1.3%	2.8
2014	19,002	-143	-0.7%	53,103	-1,039	-1.9%	2.8
2015	19,360	358	1.9%	52,344	-759	-1.4%	2.7
2016	19,233	-127	-0.7%	51,466	-878	-1.7%	2.7
2017	19,242	9	0.0%	50,271	-1,195	-2.3%	2.6
2018	19,295	53	0.3%	47,459	-2,812	-5.6%	2.5
2019	19,072	-223	-1.2%	44,334	-3,125	-6.6%	2.3
2020	18,541	-531	-2.8%	34,446	-9,888	-22.3%	1.9
2021	17,415	-1,126	-6.1%	30,746	-3,700	-10.7	1.8
2022	16,178	-1,237	-7.1%	31,329	583	1.8%	1.9

Staffing and Population Differences				
	12/31/99	2/1/23	Numeric Difference	Percent Change
Correction Officers Sergeants Lieutenants	22,112	16,100	6,012	-27.1%
Incarcerated Individuals	72,649	31,449	41,200	-56.7%

DOCCS Correctional Facility Security Personnel
Council 82/NYSCOPBA Staff

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Council 82														
Lieutenants	521	458	483	482	472	475	471	480	478	470	436	413	407	421
NYSCOPBA														
Sergeants	1,256	1,169	1,196	1,190	1,175	1,172	1,179	1,193	1,184	1,171	1,094	1,028	1,052	1,048
Officers	18,930	17,945	17,741	17,627	17,569	17,635	17,601	17,581	17,528	17,431	17,071	15,974	14,846	14,631
Subtotal	20,186	19,114	18,937	18,817	18,744	18,807	18,780	18,774	18,712	18,602	18,165	17,002	15,898	15,679
Total	20,707	19,572	19,420	19,300	19,216	19,282	19,251	19,254	19,190	19,072	18,601	17,415	16,305	16,100

**Number and Percent of Incarcerated Individuals Convicted of a Violent Felony Offense
In Male Maximum and Medium Security Facilities
February 1st of Selected Years**

	2013 YTD			2018 YTD			2023 YTD		
	VFO	Incarcerated Individuals	%	VFO	Incarcerated Individuals	%	VFO	Incarcerated Individuals	%
Maximum Facilities	18,612	23,036	80.8%	17,191	21,166	81.2%	12,362	14,023	88.2%
Medium Facilities	15,330	27,254	56.2%	13,528	24,422	55.4%	9,976	15,321	65.1%

Note: This table includes incarcerated individuals at the following parole program facilities: Edgecombe, Orleans, and Hudson PDP.

**SHU Cell Occupants
Effective Beginning of Business**

Inmate Status	11/1/2022	12/1/2022	1/1/2023	2/1/2023
SHU Disciplinary Sanction	356	285	205	203
KEEPLOCK Disciplinary Sanction	0	0	0	0
Administrative Segregation	0	0	0	0
Involuntary Protective Custody	0	0	0	0
Pending Disciplinary Hearing	96	113	159	146
Pending Movement From Unit	0	0	0	0
Pending Investigation	1	0	0	0
Special Watch	0	0	0	0
Voluntary Protective Custody	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SHU Cell Occupants (Excluding Youthful Offenders)	453	398	364	351

Statewide Incarcerated Individuals Convicted of a Violent Felony Offense

End of Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Violent Offenders	29,623	25,193	22,706	23,208	23,275

Note: This table includes individuals at the following parole program facilities: Edgecombe Residential Treatment, and Orleans and Hudson Parole Diversion Program

2018 Releases by Return Rate

Release Type And Release Cohort	Total Released	Total Returned	Return Type New Commitment	Return Type Parole Violator
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2018 Releases	20,921	6,613	31.6%	1,198	5.7%	5,415	25.9%
Parole	9,804	3,889	39.7%	528	5.4%	3,361	34.3%
Conditional Release	9,173	2,473	27.0%	419	4.6%	2,054	22.4%
Maximum Expiration	1,944	251	12.9%	251	12.9%	N/A	N/A

Note: DOCCS defines recidivism as recommitment or return to NYS DOCCS custody after an incarcerated individual's sanctioned release to the community.

Note: DOCCS followed a 2018 release cohort of formerly incarcerated individuals for three years to obtain the return rate data in the above table.

Community Supervision Staffing and Cases by Region/Bureau*		
(start of month data - excludes staff and parolees in the revocation process)		
Region/Bureau	Number of Parolees	Number of Parole Officers & Senior Parole Officers
Bronx Region		
Bureau II	508	16
Bureau III	428	13
Bureau IV	654	13
Bureau V	596	14
Brooklyn Region		
Bureau I	529	18
Bureau II	506	14
Bureau III	529	16
Bureau IV	600	18
Central New York		
Syracuse	837	24
Utica	636	22
Watertown Sub	463	7
Northern Front	248	0
Elmira	414	16
Binghamton Sub	330	11
Hudson Valley Region		
New Rochelle	549	14
Peekskill Sun	161	15
Albany	836	22
Poughkeepsie	917	18
Albany Belt	892	0
Manhattan/Staten Island		
Manhattan Bureau II	443	15
Manhattan Bureau III	557	12
Manhattan Bureau IV	284	11
Manhattan Bureau VI	669	21
Staten Island Sub	317	9
Queens/Long Island		
Queens Bureau I	838	9

Queens Bureau II	720	18
Suffolk	816	14
Nassau	498	15
Western Region		
Buffalo Metro	656	18
Niagara Frontier	317	10
Rochester Metro	569	19
Rochester Belt	442	15
Rochester Sou	524	27
Southern Tier Sub	462	12

***Average case load size cannot be determined using this data**